

# THE BEAT

Courtesy of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs & State-Tribal Economic Development Commission

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### JUDGE AGREES TO ISSUE INDIAN TRUST ORDER TO SPEED APPEAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 -- U.S. District Judge James Robertson agreed today to enter a written order next week that will allow Indian plaintiffs to promptly appeal his latest rulings in the long-running class action lawsuit over the government's mismanagement of Trust funds for 500,000 individual Indian Trust beneficiaries.

### STUDY MEASURES INDIAN DEATHS LINKED TO ALCOHOL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost 12 percent of the deaths among American Indians and Alaska Natives are alcohol-related — more than three times the percentage attributed to the general population, a new federal report says.

### CAUCUS WOULD LIKE TO SEE BOOST IN NATIVE AMERICAN VOTER TURNOUT

DENVER (AP) — The first time Frank Lamere, a Nebraska superdelegate, attended a Democratic National Convention, seeing just one other Native American was a thrill.

### FORMER HIA DIRECTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING FUNDS

HELENA IR — Donald "Louie" Clayborn, the former executive director of the Helena Indian Alliance, pleaded guilty Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Missoula to charges that he stole about \$40,000 from the nonprofit organization.

### BIA HEAD SAYS CRIME RATE IN PINE RIDGE UNACCEPTABLE

AP — The Oglala Sioux Tribe can keep its police department if it demonstrates a plan to curb lawlessness on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation but could lose control to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the BIA's director said.

### BACK TO WORK! TUFF HARRIS SIGNS WITH TENNESSEE

Less than three weeks after being released by the New Orleans Saints, Tuff Harris has been signed by the Tennessee Titans to play defensive back and special teams.

### ANTHOLOGY FINALIST IN INDIE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

An anthology edited by UM Native American studies Professor Richmond Clow is a finalist in the 2008 National Indie Excellence Awards.

The anthology -- "The Sioux in South Dakota History: A Twentieth Century Reader" -- was published by the South Dakota State Historical Society Press last year. It is a selection of 13 essays that examine a variety of themes in Sioux history since 1900. The essays were selected from past issues of South Dakota History, the peer-reviewed quarterly journal of the South Dakota State Historical Society.

The annual competition is designed to champion independent publishers and the products they produce.

"The Sioux in South Dakota History: A Twentieth Century Reader" also recently won bronze in the anthology category of the 12th annual Independent Publisher Book Awards.

## NEWS FROM THE CENSUS AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION CENTER (CEIC)

Today, the U.S. Census Bureau released two important, but separate economic data series. The first is the annual Current Population Survey (CPS) data series which tracks income, poverty and health insurance coverage at the state level. Access this information for Montana through CEIC's web site at <http://ceic.mt.gov/Demographics.asp>.

The second is income, poverty and earnings data from the 2007 American Community Survey (ACS). Data from this survey are available for the state and geographic areas of 65,000 population or more. Visit CEIC's American Community Survey web site at [http://ceic.mt.gov/american\\_com\\_m\\_survey.asp](http://ceic.mt.gov/american_com_m_survey.asp) for more information.

Note that estimates from the CPS may not match the estimates from the ACS because of differences in the questionnaires, data collection methodology, reference period, processing procedures, etc. Both surveys are subject to sampling and nonsampling errors.

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing the data, please contact CEIC at (406) 841-2740 or [ceic@mt.gov](mailto:ceic@mt.gov).

### THE MONTANA BOARD OF HOUSING LAUNCHES 2008 BOND PROGRAM

(HELENA) — The Montana Board of Housing (MBOH) announced today that it has \$30 million available for mortgage loans for low and moderate income first-time homebuyers at 6.25%.

## EMPLOYMENT:

### Department of Revenue

**Position Title:** Office Assistant  
(Property Valuation Specialist)

**Position Number:** 58108209

**Division:** Property Assessment  
Division

**Band/Salary:** 3/\$11.05 - \$12.09/hr  
DOQ / \*Training Assignment salary  
would be 5% less DOQ

**Status:** Permanent/Full-time

**Location:** Billings

**Union:** Yes

**Supplement:** No

**Closing Date:** September 15, 2008

The Department of Revenue is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic individual who enjoys working in a fast-paced technical environment. To perform successfully as a Property Valuation Specialist, you must be self-motivated and have the ability to work both independently and as part of a team. You must possess a strong work ethic and a positive attitude. This position requires project management skills and the ability to communicate effectively and respectfully with co-workers. If your strength is managing projects and you have the ability to make sound decisions and be accountable for them, we encourage you to apply.

This job announcement and the Montana State Application form can be found on the Internet at [www.mt.gov/revenue](http://www.mt.gov/revenue).

## EVENTS & TRAININGS:

### NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK SEPTEMBER 7-13, 2008

In recognition of National Suicide Prevention Week, the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, DPHHS and the Montana/Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council invites you to join us for "A Day of Healing" on September 10, 2008 at 2:00 pm in the State Capitol Rotunda, Helena.

### NORTHERN PLAINS NATIVE FITNESS TRAINING 2008

September 5-6, 2008  
Billings Family YMCA  
Course Fee \$350  
Contact Lita Pepion (406) 208-5779  
Or visit [www.crlhealth.com](http://www.crlhealth.com)

### NORTHERN PLAINS NATIVE WATER FITNESS TRAINING 2008

October 24-25, 2008  
Billings Family YMCA  
Course Fee \$250  
Contact Lita Pepion (406) 208-5779  
Or visit [www.crlhealth.com](http://www.crlhealth.com)

### 2008 MONTANA CITIZEN LEADERS PROGRAMS

Do you have an idea that could improve your community? Are you ready to make it a reality? If so, the Montana Citizen Leaders program could be for you. Two Citizen Leaders workshops will start in Bozeman and Browning in September.

#### Bozeman Series at the Bozeman Public Library on Saturdays:

September 6	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
September 20	10:00 am – 1:30 pm
September 27	10:00 am – 1:30 pm
October 4	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
November 1	10:00 am – 1:00 pm

#### Browning Series at the Blackfeet Community College on Thursdays and Fridays:

September 4	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
September 5	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
September 19	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
October 3	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
October 31	9:00 am – 12:00 pm

The workshops are taught by Bliss Browne, executive director of Imagine Chicago and Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer of Hopa Mountain.

For more information or to register, please call Alex at Hopa Mountain at (406) 586-2455 or e-mail [thealexkeen@gmail.com](mailto:thealexkeen@gmail.com)

### [TRIBAL ENERGY PROGRAM REVIEW](#)

November 17-19, 2008  
Renaissance Denver Hotel  
3801 Quebec Street  
Denver, CO 80207

This annual program review is intended as a forum for tribes to meet and learn from other tribes pursuing energy sufficiency through conservation or renewable energy. As we recognize the increasing interest of tribes in energy efficiency and renewable energy and the benefit of tribes learning from tribes, we're opening up this meeting to Indian Country as a whole. This is a unique forum where you can get an excellent overview of the wide range of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects under way in Indian Country.

### 2008 MEDA FALL CONFERENCE

**September 8th - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

[Registration](#)

[Agenda Overview](#)

Lodging and Location: Holiday Inn  
Grand Montana, Billings  
5500 Midland Road  
Phone: (406) 248.7701  
Ask for the MEDA room rate of \$87

### 7TH ANNUAL MNA CONFERENCE

**Colonial Red Lion - Helena**

**September 22-24, 2008**

#### Who Should Attend?

The conference is designed for nonprofit staff, Board members, volunteers, and consultants; Foundation staff and trustees; community leaders; public officials; students; and others interested in the nonprofit sector. Join hundreds of your peers.

#### Questions about MNA's

**Conferences?** Conference questions should be directed to:

Gail Brockbank, MNA Conference  
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## GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

### RURAL HEALTH NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

To provide support to entities that need assistance to plan, organize and develop a health care network because they do not have a significant history of collaboration and are not sufficiently evolved to apply for a three year Rural Health Network Development Grant. This support may be sufficient to jumpstart a network into becoming operational and developing strategies for becoming sustainable. The grant program supports one year of planning to develop and operationalize health care networks, consisting of at least three health care providers in rural areas. Identify potential collaborating network partners in the community/region. Convene potential collaborating network partners, conduct planning activities, which could include undertaking a community assessment identifying the most critical need of potential network partners to ensure their viability.

**Closing Date: September 15, 2008**

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### STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK STATE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2009 to fund Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grants (SPF SIGs). The

purpose of the SPF SIG program is to provide funding to States, Federally recognized Tribes and U.S.

Territories\* in order to:

- Prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking;
- Reduce substance abuse-related problems; and
- Build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State, tribal, territorial and community-levels.

**Closing Date: November 7, 2008**

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### CAMPUS SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANTS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2009 for Campus Suicide Prevention Grants. The purpose of this program is to facilitate a comprehensive approach to preventing suicide in institutions of higher education. This program is designed to assist colleges and universities in their efforts to prevent suicide attempts and completions and to enhance services for students with mental and behavioral health problems, such as depression and substance abuse, which put them at risk for suicide and suicide attempts.

**Closing Date: November 25, 2008**

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